

Newsletter and Program Report 9.19.20

I think we should plan to send out our **next newsletter later in October** after the Fall Town Meeting that way we can discuss the Water Management Plan.

Brian and Phil offered to write articles about climate change. I'm hoping one of them will write the first of a series of articles for this newsletter.

Our members mostly have their own wells and thus are not on Plymouth town water, but I do think that water conservation should be important. So I think an article on water conservation would be relevant. Is anyone interested in writing this?

Melissa Feretti will write an article on the information in her zoom program.

Don has received some interesting results of our water testing this summer and will write an article on that.

Hopefully **Jerry** and Sara Grady will have completed the search of GHP for invasive water weeds and Jerry will be able to write an article on that.

We have had quite a few new members, so **Martha** should be able too write a report on our membership status and the success of the big mail project.

IT would be great if **Jen Yaeger** would like to introduce herself and any plans she has for the education committee.

Of course I always welcome additional articles and any photos.

I spoke with Chris Lewis about working with him on the design of the newsletter and we will meet again to figure out how to work together to produce a more appealing design for the newsletter and to try to come up with a plan for the coming year of general interest articles for each issue in addition to our usual program and committee information.

Programs:

I thought our two zoom meetings with Wildlands Trust by Hillary Snook and Melissa Feretti with Amy Den Ouden were well attended and well received.

I have been thinking about possible other zoom meetings for this Fall. One thought I had was to ask Malcolm MacGregor to give a talk on the walking/hiking trails here in Plymouth, which ones are easy or more challenging, which ones are not usually crowded, etc. I figured people might be looking for some new places to walk outside this fall.

Another thought was to see if Kathy, the director at the National Marine Life Center, would be willing to do a zoom presentation on their work rescuing stranded seals and cold stunned turtles in the fall since we cannot arrange a visit of more than 6 people due to Covid 19.

Anyone who has any other ideas for programs, please communicate them to me

Geri